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BY SURFACE TREATMENT, SURFACE  
TREATED METAL OXIDE SOLUTIONS AND  
METHOD FOR SEPARATING METAL OXIDES**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 17 of this paper and a page for insertion into the application is attached hereto.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.